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**Bev Johnson files paperwork to run for Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Alameda mayor vows to fight San Leandro Hospital closure**

OAKLAND -- Popular Alameda Mayor Bev Johnson made her intention to run for the District 3 seat on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors official this week.

Johnson, whose new campaign site is at www.bevforsupervisor.org, filed paperwork with Alameda County elections officials in Oakland late Wednesday afternoon.

"I am running because I feel I am the best prepared to tackle many of the serious problems facing the people of District 3 and the county as a whole," Johnson said. "My first priority as District 3's new supervisor will be to find a way to help keep San Leandro Hospital open. It's just unacceptable for a community the size of San Leandro to not have a hospital and emergency room. I am going to treat this issue as if lives are at stake because I believe they will be if the hospital is allowed to close."

Johnson enters the June 8 contest already packing the endorsements of state Senator Loni Hancock, state Assemblyman Sandre Swanson and former state Senate President Don Perata.

Now completing her second term as mayor in Alameda, Johnson also serves on no less than eight regional governmental boards including the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and the Association of Bay Area Governments. She is currently president of the Alameda County Conference of Mayors.

A true native daughter of District 3, Johnson, a former Alameda County prosecutor and now family law attorney, was born and raised in Alameda. As mayor of Alameda she has been credited with directing the successful commercial revival of the city's three main shopping districts -- Park Street, the Alameda Towne Centre and Webster Street.

In the downtown Park Street area alone Johnson is credited for leading a multimillion-dollar effort to restore the historic Alameda Theater to its former 1920s-era glory. Johnson also oversaw the development of an adjacent cineplex and parking garage facility. Johnson was also at the forefront of efforts to bring a spacious state-of-the-art main branch library to the city located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Oak Street.

Johnson will officially kickoff her campaign during an announcement event on Tuesday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Blue Dot Cafe in Alameda. The Blue Dot is located at 1910 Encinal Ave. A separate media advisory on the March 16 event will follow this press release.

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